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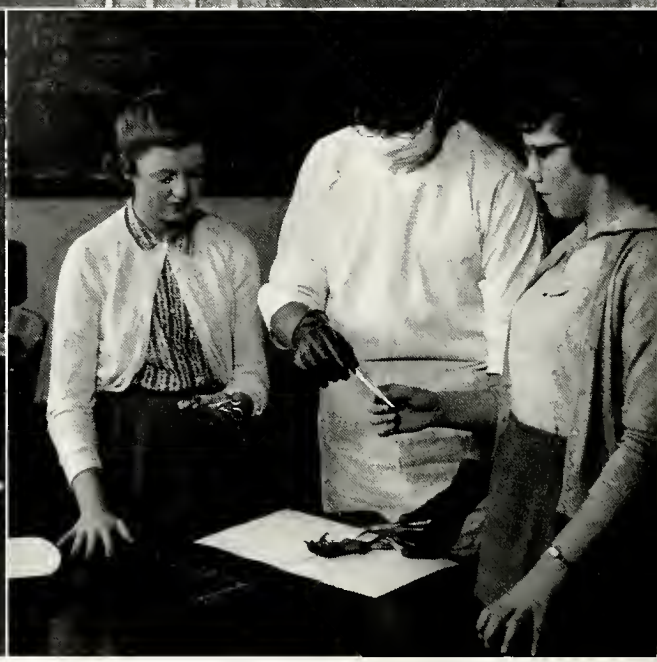
DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL
DECATUR, INDIANA
VOLUME XLIII

SCHOOL DAYS! SCHOOL DAYS!

WE ARE GLAD THEY ARE OVER; BUT, OH! TO LIVE THEM ONCE AGAIN.

AT LEFT: THE MUSIC FESTIVAL — A JOYOUS OCCASION OF MUSIC AND COLOR.

BELOW: A HAPPY GROUP AT THE END OF THE DAY BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN A HAPPY DAY.



Top: The Swing band swings into action.—John propounds a question.—Biology Bugs examine a frog.
Below: Latin hath its charms.— Intramural Trophy Winners.

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At the Commencement exercises for the class of 1956, the 75th class to graduate from the Decatur High School, an orchid was presented to Mrs. C. A. Dugan, a member of the first class to graduate from our High School.

John Welch, representing Decatur High School adult supporters, presents a check to School Board Treasurer Everett Hutker to pay for our fine new scoreboard at Worthman Field.

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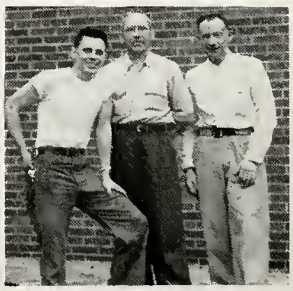

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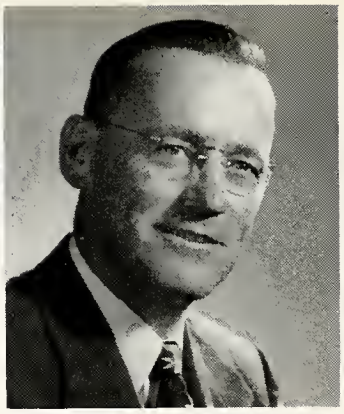
TOP AND CENTER: AT THE TEACHER'S DINNER.

BOTTOM: COOKS FOR THE DINNER.

Merritt Alger



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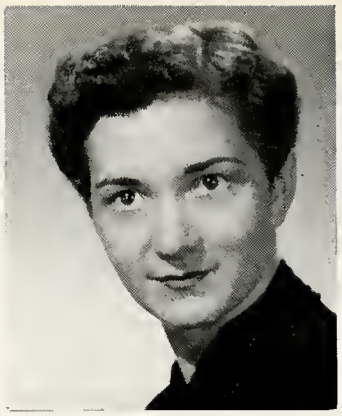

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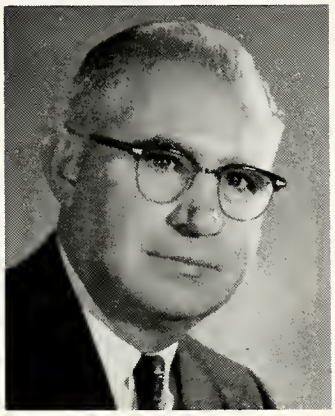

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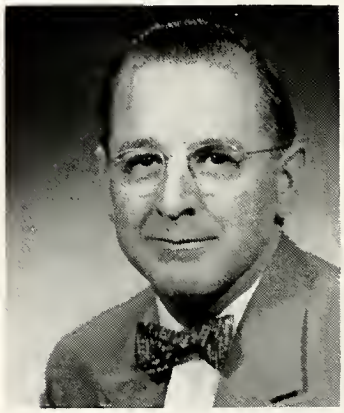

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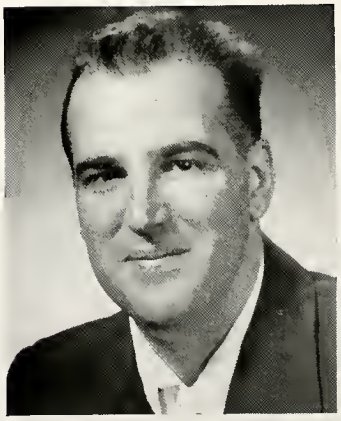

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Harry Dailey

Deane Dorwin

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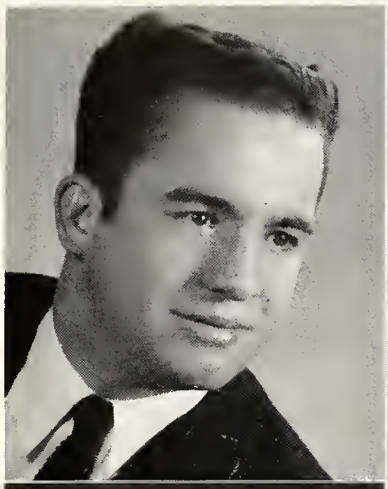

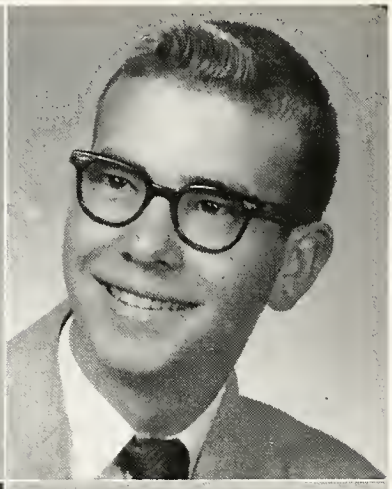

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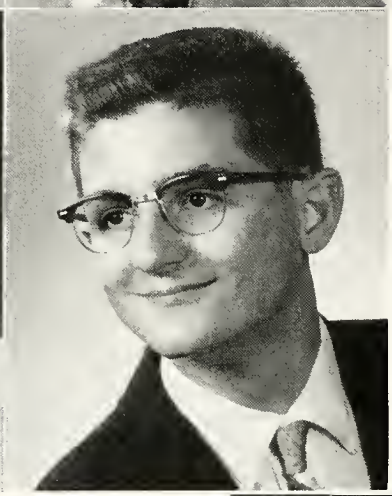

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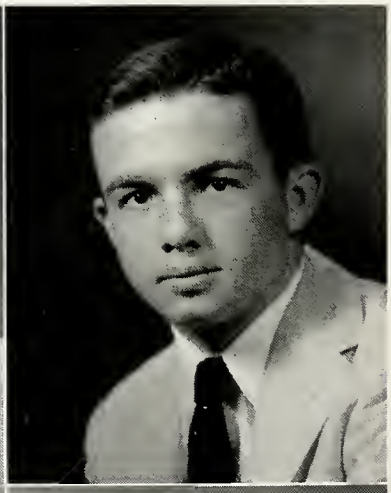

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JUDY DEDOLPH—Commercial Club 56, 57; F. H. A. 54, 55, 57; Color Wheel 56, 57; Cheering Bloc 56.

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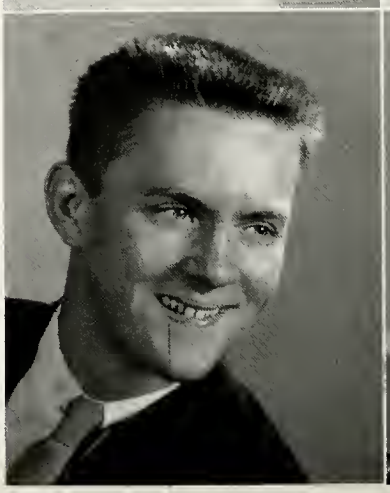

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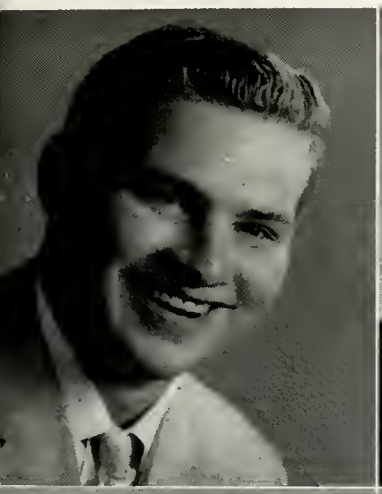

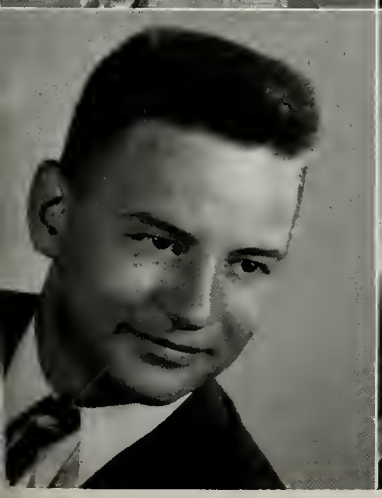

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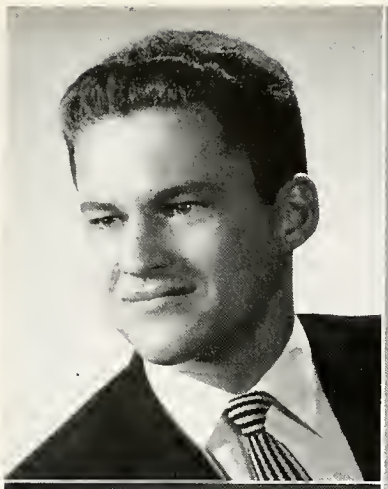

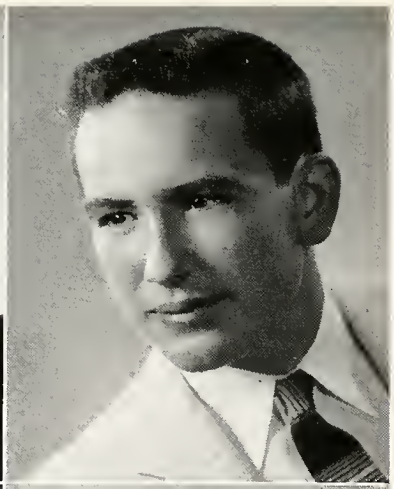

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MARY ELLEN LONGERBONE—Central High School 54; Commercial Club 56, 57; Cheering Bloc 55, 56; Color Wheel 56, 57; Canteen Worker 56; Band 55; Gabfest Staff 57.

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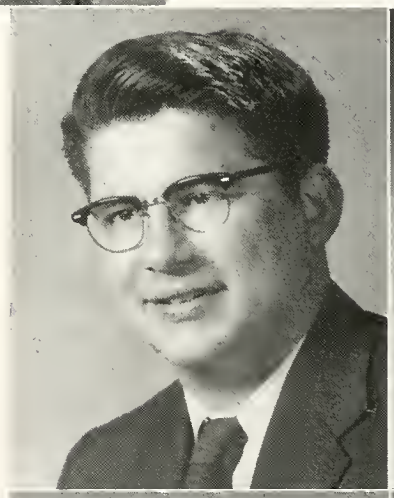

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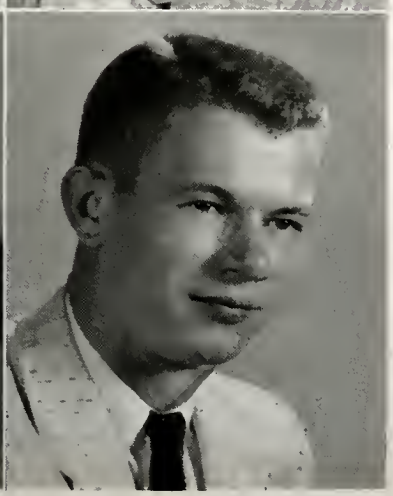

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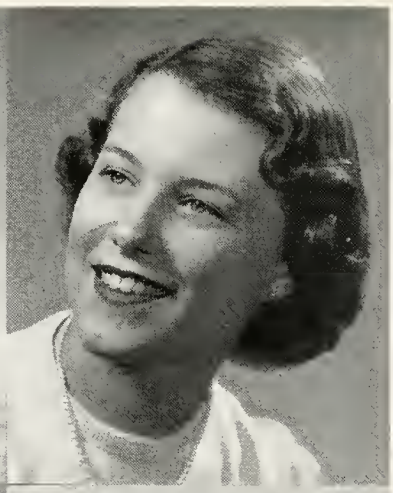

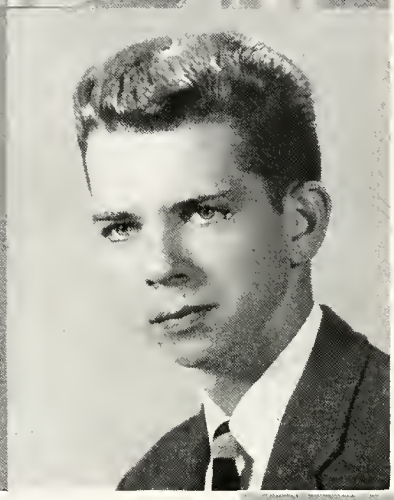

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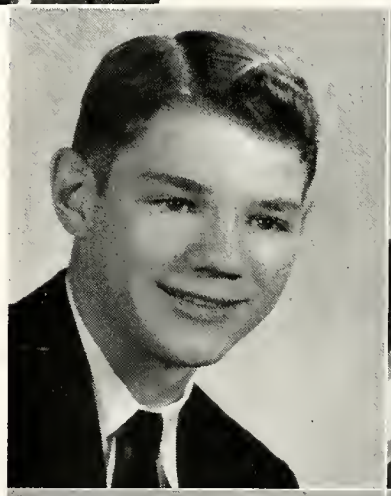

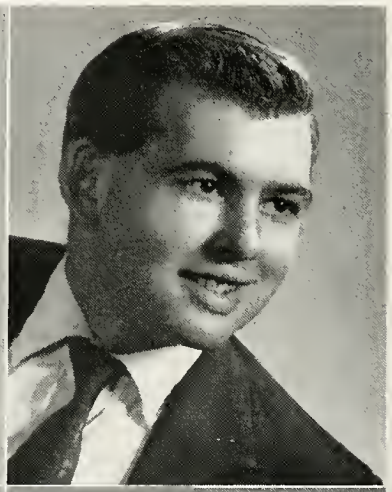

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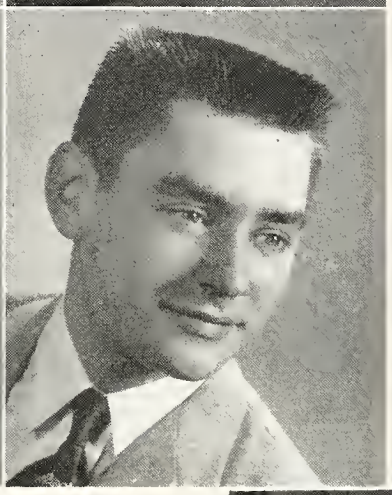

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JIM SCHNEPP—Decatur Catholic High School 54, 55; Commercial Club 56, 57;

Senior Class Officers

President — Fred Schott
Vice-President — Paul Schmidt
Secretary — Lorraine Walters
Treasurer — Tony Kelly

SENIOR CLASS

In September, 69 of us entered the ever familiar doors of the Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School to begin our final year of high school education.

We elected class officers and a sponsor.

President — Fred Schott
Vice-President — Paul Schmidt
Secretary — Lorraine Walters
Treasurer — Tony Kelly
Sponsor — Miss Vera

In November we worked hard on the Student Day Sale, which turned out to be very successful.

In January, we were privileged to witness a naturalization ceremony at the Courthouse as part of our Civics and Sociology classes.

On February 13, we visited the State House at Indianapolis. This trip was very educational and enjoyable.

May 17 meant the Junior-Senior Prom. The juniors did a wonderful job of planning and decorating around the theme, "Calypso." They made the Prom something that all the seniors will remember.

Our Baccalaureate services were held on the following Sunday.

Finally May 23 and the big night toward which all of us had been working, Commencement, arrived. We heard a challenging speech by Rev. Robert B. Pierce, Minister of the Broadway Methodist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Helm presented the seniors with their diplomas. The Commencement dance followed after graduation. After the dance entertainment was provided throughout the night by various organizations of the city.

Each senior has many wonderful memories of his high school career at good old D. H. S.

Senior Honor Roll Students

Row 1: LaVerne Thieme, Carolyn Wiegman, Judy Gephart, Sue Petrie, Marilyn Jefferies, Linda Gamsby.
Row 2: Gene Baxter, Carolyn Bassett, Donna Small, Twannette Magley.
Row 3: Jerry Kaehr, Connie Douglas, Madge Scheiderer, Sara Brunnegraff, Jay Gould, Ellen Welch.
Row 4: Jack Barlett, Stanley Kirkpatrick, Paul Schmidt, John Dorwin, Ted Schrock.

Junior Class

Last September, seventy-seven brand new juniors entered the halls of D. H. S. to start the school year of '56-'57 as upper classmen.

Early in the year we elected class officers as follows:

President — Larry Moses
Vice President—Janalee Smith
Secretary — Linda Norris
Treasurer — Clarence May

On November 2, we went on the annual Junior Trip to Detroit, Michigan, and Windsor, Canada. Two teachers, Mr. Dorwin and Mr. Andrews, were brave enough to chaperon the trip. We enjoyed the sights of the Ford Museum, Ford Rotunda and the Ford Factory in Detroit.

The members of our class are active in all activities of the school, such as the Art Club, F. H. A., F. F. A., Choir, Commercial Club, Band, and "D" Club. We are especially proud of the junior boys in the "D" Club.

We climaxed the year with the annual Junior-Senior Prom, with the seniors as the honored guests.

Row 1: Phil Adams, David Andrews, Jack Aurand, Raymond Ballard, Bob Banks, Agnes Barlett, Norman Bassett, Johnnie Mae Bateman, Dick Baumann.

Row 2: Jim Baumgartner, Gordon Black, Barbara Brunnegraff, Steve Buher, David Butcher, Judy Carpenter, Kathy Cole, Rosie Conrad, Susan Custer.

Row 3: Wilbur Dersch, Nancy Doyle, Carolyn Drake, David Eichenauer, Jerry Fell, Nancy Fisher, Carolyn Frauhiger, Dianne Fulton, Jack Hahn.

Row 4: Melvin Hanni, John Hebble, Susie Heller, Julia Hollopeter, Ted Hutker, Karen Jefferies, Dann Johnson, JoAnn Jones, Barbara Kalver.

Row 5: Donna Kinnerk, Larry Klenk, Lucille Knittle, Judy Lane, Gretchen Lankenau, Richard Leming, Alicia Levy, Fred Locke, Phil McDonald.

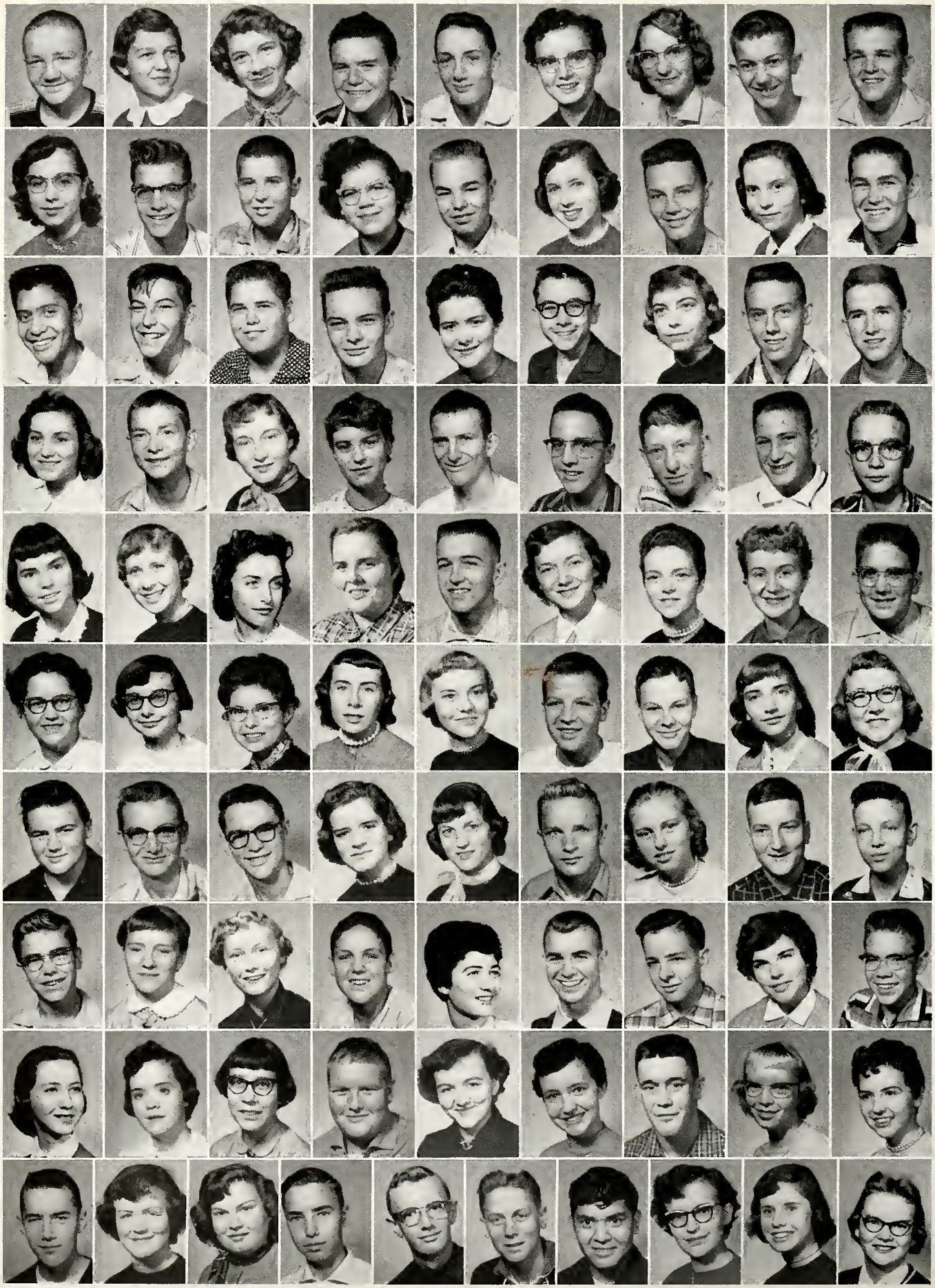
Row 6: Jack Macklin, Clarence May, Judy Melchi, Donna Miller, Larry Moses, Pat Nelson, Linda Norris, Phil Rambo, Glen Rekeweg.

Row 7: Lanny Ross, Ivan Roth, Garry Sheets, John Sheets, Dick Simerman, Janalee Smith, Joyce Smith, Judy Smith, Jane Stiverson.

Row 8: Don Sudduth, Jewel Sudduth, Emily Swearingen, Beverly Thieme, Karel Thieme, Ann Uhrick, Kaye Varner, Janice Voshell, Jane Wass.
Row 9: Jean Wass, Mike Wittwer, Marjorie Wolfe.

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS
President—Larry Moses
Vice-President—Janalee Smith
Secretary—Linda Norris
Treasurer—Clarence May

IN MEMORIUM
TOM STRICKLER
ACCIDENTAL DEATH
SEPT. 8, 1956



SOPHOMORE CLASS

Row 1: Rex Allison, Cheryl Ashbaucher, Janice Badenhop, Jerry Baumann, Ned Baumgartner, Constance Baxter, Jane Bedwell, Michael Beery, William Bischoff.

Row 2: Barbara Bleeke, James Bleeke, Leonard Bleeke, Marlene Bleeke, Jim Buher, Betsy Burk, James Burk, Jacqueline Burke, Vernon Call.

Row 3: Richard Canales, Ivan Chrisman, Nicholas Conrad, James Corah, Karen Corey, William Courtney, Gayle Custer, Larry Daniels, Steven Dellinger.

Row 4: Anna Dyer, Stephen Edwards, Sara Eichenauer, Scarlett Feasel, John Fell, Ronald Feller, Jon Foor, Pat Franklin, Larry Fravel.

Row 5: Rita Gantz, Patricia Girod, Billie Gordon, Nancy Hawkins, Terry Holtsberry, Judy Hott, Chloe Ann Imel, Linda Jackson, William Jacobs.

Row 6: Darlene Kaehr, Mary Alice Kneuss, Ann Kocher, Carol Koenig, Janice Kreischer, Gene Krick, John Krueckeberg, Naomi Ladd, Ann Lehrman.

Row 7: Donald Long, Steven Lytle, John Paul McAhren, Patty McCammon, Ann McDonald, James McDonald, Jaralee Magsamen, Terry Marbach, David Myers.

Row 8: Ralph Osborne, Patricia Osterloh, Eva Mae Plumley, Leroy Ratliff, Judy Rhodes, Larry Ritter, Gary Robinson, Karen Robinson, Jerry Scheiman.

Row 9: Phyllis Schmidt, Kathleen Schultz, Sue Shackley, John Shaffer, Patsy Shaffer, Sharron Sheets, Robert Shraluka, Deanna Small, Betty Smith.

Row 10: Lynn Smith, Judy Stauffer, Carolyn Taylor, Leonard Thieme, Donald Thornton, David Vanhorn, Anthony Vergara, Sharon Voshell, Gloria Wall, Susan Gerber.

Well, we have finished our green freshman year. We are now sophomores. The first thing we did was elect class officers. They are as follows: Bob Shraluka, president; Judy Rhodes, vice-president; Patty Girod, secretary, and Steve Edwards, treasurer. We also elected Mr. Wemhoff as sponsor for a second year.

To represent us in the Student Council, we elected Bob Shraluka and Sharron Sheets.

Our first dance of the year was the "Sophomore Sendoff," and it was a great success.

We were represented in various areas by our classmates. Many boys were on the athletic teams this year. We had approximately fifteen on the honor roll. Two of our girls, Cheryl Ashbaucher and Gloria Wall, were second team cheerleaders.

Everyone enjoyed our Chicago trip, including Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Cobb.

We'll be back next year as juniors, and then watch us go.

Sophomore Class Officers

President—Robert Shraluka
Vice-President—Judy Rhodes
Secretary—Patty Girod
Treasurer—Steve Edwards

Freshman Class

Row 1: Elvin Adkins, Donald Agler, Alice Allwein, Linda Andrews, Janice Aumann, Vickie Bailer, Herb Banning, Marie Barlett, Ruth Ann Barr.

Row 2: Sandy Baumann, Larry Baumgartner, Carol Bebout, Mary Bodle, Judy Brown, Raymond Brown, Barbara Burk, Kathleen Burke, Steve Butcher.

Row 3: Larry Butler, Karen Call, Joe Chambers, David Clark, Elaine Cochran, John Cowens, Carolyn Crozier, Jack Dailey, Jay DeVoss.

Row 4: Carl Elliott, Helen Elliott, Janet Fell, Rosie Flora, Janet Foor, Bob Frauhiger, Roger Fuelling, Bonnie Fulton, Roger Gaunt.

Row 5: Jim Gay, Lois Jean Gerke, Marjorie Goelz, Betty Haugk, Nancy Helm, Ronnie Highland, Larry Hill, Jean Hoffman, Barbara Johnson.

Row 6: Mike Kaehr, Connie Kiess, Ron Kiess, Steve Kinerk, Vance Krick, Charles Krueckeberg, Penny Longerbone, Frank Lopez, Jerry McCagg.

Row 7: Jerry McIntosh, Donna McKean, Becky Maddox, Eleanor Miller, Jerry Miller, Carol Norquest, Kathy Patrick, Jim Reidenbach, Diane Rhodes.

Row 8: Bonnie Ritter, Ruth Roop, Diane Sauer, Dolores Schroeder, Linda Sexton, Dave Sheets, Betty Simerman, Margaret Slusher, Charlotte Smith, Joe Smith.

Row 9: Terry Snyder, Waldo Snyder, Etta Mae Soliday, Pat Sovine, Carolyn Steel, Joan Stiverson, Cassie Strickler, Gerald Swygart, Jerry Swygart, Sharon Swygart.

Row 10: Arlene Thieme, Mike Thieme, Reta Thornton, Bruce Voshell, Pam Walters, Loretta Wass, Marna Wilson, Harley Wolfe, Kay Wynn, Amelia Zamora.

Shortly after the beginning of school, we freshmen elected our class officers. They are as follows: president, Jim Reidenbach; vice-president, Joe Smith; secretary, Alice Allwein, and treasurer, Jack Dailey.

The Student Council had the following representatives from the freshman class: Kathy Patrick, Alice Allwein, and Jim Reidenbach.

Several boys received athletic awards through the year.

Several students in the Latin I class received certificates of excellence on their tests.

We had the pleasure of sponsoring a dance called "Mistle-toe Magic."

Two of the girls—Alice Allwein and Janice Aumann—were second team cheerleaders.

Freshman Class Officers

President—James Reidenbach
Vice-President—Joe Smith
Secretary—Alice Allwein
Treasurer—Jack Dailey

EIGHTH GRADE

Row 1: Michael Affolder, Janice Allison, Ann Arnold, Ronald August, Dorothy Ball, Roger Ballard, Patricia Baumann, Sidney Beery, Theresa Jean Biddle.

Row 2: James Bilderbach, Barbara Borror, Judy Brodbeck, Janet Brown, Bobbilou Butler, James Cancino, Jack Carpenter, Jacqueline Chew, Douglas Chrisman.

Row 3: John Cowan, Judy Costello, Tom Cravens, Ivan Davis, Donna Dedolph, Jerry Douglas, Michael Drake, Carol Durbin, James Dyer.

Row 4: Naureen Egly, Barry Ellis, Julia Ellsworth, Taya Erekson, Barbara Fawcett, Gary Fawcett, Charleen Feasel, Shelia Foreman, Marilyn Garwood.

Row 5: Tom Grabill, Ronni Glentzer, Mike Hakes, Larry Hall, Rozann Hancher, Barbara Harden, Roger Harris, James Hawkins, Mary Heller.

Row 6: Joyce Helm, Howard Hess, Dianna Hill, Phyllis Hodle, Victoria Hudson, Rebecca Jackson, Suette Johnson, Thomas Johnson, Donna Keller.

Row 7: Grace Kelsey, Janet Kiess, Stewart Knodel, Mary Kocher, Nancy Kolter, Robert Landrum, Ronald Lovellette, Peggy McCammon, Larry Macklin.

Row 8: Sharon Magsamen, John Margerum III, Janet Miller, Richard Miller, Charles Morgan, Richard Morgan, Marilyn Myers, Edward Nelson, Sharon Nern.

Row 9: Jim Newton, Kay Noack, Robert Osborne, John Patterson, Stephen Pickford, Dan Poling, Jerry Rambo, Kathryn Ratliff, David Ralston.

Row 10: Sharon Scott, Mary Sharpe, Thomas Sharpe, Mary Beth Snyder, Rosalyn Sommer, Martha Springer, Sharon Sprunger, Mary Lou Stetler, Beverly Stults.

Row 11: Carolyn Sudduth, LaMar Taylor, Mary Thornton, Thelma Walters, Gary Werst, Marceda Whetstone, Karen Zimmerman, Thomas Gase.

The school year started for the eighth grade with the election of officers. Stewart Knodel was elected president; Ed Nelson, vice-president; Suette Johnson, secretary, and Ron August, treasurer. We chose Mr. McColly for our class sponsor.

The three cheerleaders—Mary Heller, Sharon Nern, and Dianne Hill—did a fine job with the cheering section for our team, which included seven boys from the eighth grade. They are John Cowan, Ed Nelson, Ron August, Tom Grabill, Tom Johnson, Tom Sharpe, and Stu Knodel. The Jr. High team won seven out of nine games.

Three eighth graders were elected to the Student Council; they are Peggy McCammon, Ed Nelson and Stewart Knodel.

With basketball and other activities over, the semester will close with everyone looking forward to the annual Eighth Grade party.

Eighth Grade Class Officers

President—Stewart Knodel
Vice-President—Ed Nelson
Secretary—Suette Johnson
Treasurer—Ronald August

ORGANIZATIONS

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"D" CLUB BANQUET

"D" CLUB

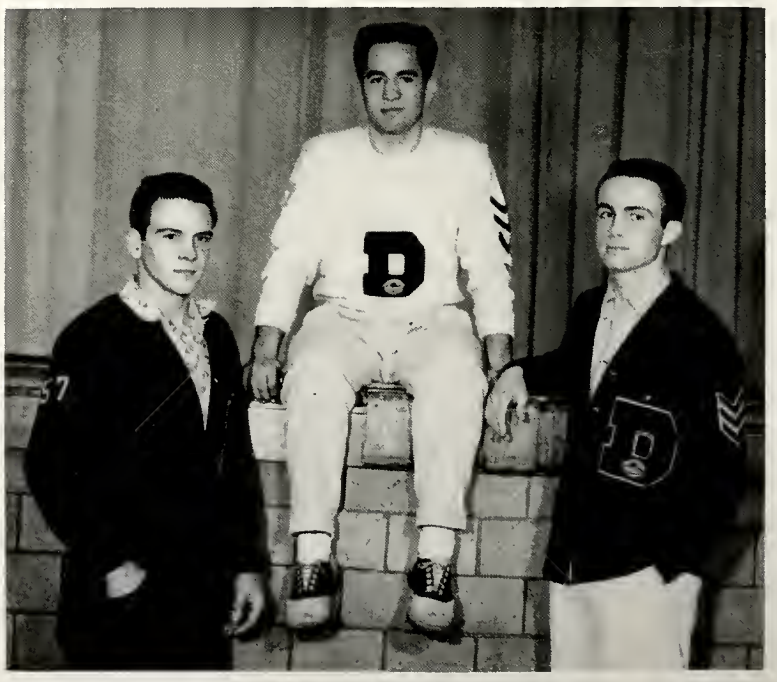
1st row: Jim Baumgartner, Lanny Ross, Bob Shraluka, Terry Holtsberry, Pat Franklin, Larry Daniels, Larry Ritter.
2nd row: Fred Schott, Tony Kelly, Gene Baxter, Stan Kirkpatrick, DeWayne Agler, Paul Schmidt, Ted Schrock, Jay Gould, John Dorwin.
3rd row: Jim Hullinger, Dennis Lobsiger, Ron Hesher, Jack Ladd, Stanley Alger, Chalmer Reinking, Ed Bean, John Isch, Mike Cole.
4th row: Larry Moses, Ted Hutker, Bob Banks, Dave Eichenauer, Fred Locke, John Hebble, Gary Sheets, Jack Macklin, Ty Ballard, Dave Butcher.

The first business meeting of the "D" Club ended with the following officers being elected: president, Dewayne Agler; vice-president, Gene Baxter; treasurer, Fred Schott.

The "D" Club is made up of a group of conscientious athletes whose activities proved successful this year due to that attitude.

A dance sponsored by the "D" Club, was held in January; it proved very enjoyable and profitable.

Our activities ended this year with our annual "D" Club Banquet. Mr. Wally Weber, Freshman Football Coach of the University of Michigan, was our guest speaker.



"D" Club Officers

Fred Schott—Secretary-Treasurer
DeWayne Agler—President
Gene Baxter—Vice-President

FACULTY ADVISOR
Amos Ketchum

PRESIDENT
Paul Schmidt

The Student Council

With the thought in mind that their only job was to help make D. H. S. a better school, the Student Council, under the guidance of Mr. Amos Ketchum, began weekly meetings as soon as it was possible last fall. Their first order of business was the election of the following officers: president, Paul Schmidt; vice-president, Bob Shraluka; secretary, Larry Moses.

As had been the custom from previous years, hall check committees were assigned, and each week the winning hall was announced.

The next project was the most important of the year. A citizenship committee was appointed which drew up a code of ethics called "Our Code," which suggested a plan of action to be taken to help the code be used to its best advantage. The Student Council then presented "Our Code," which was unanimously accepted by the students.

The Student Council was once again very successful during this last year, thus continuing to raise its importance and efficiency, and setting a precedent for the ensuing years.

Seated, Row 1: Stewart Knodel, John Cowans, Ed Nelson, Jim Reidenbach, Joe Smith

Row 2: Larry Moses, Lorraine Walters, Fred Schott, Paul Schmidt, Bob Shraluka, Ann Uhrick.

Standing: Kathleen Patrick, Alice Allwein, Sharron Sheets, Janalee Smith, Judy Rhodes, Lois Gerke, Chloe Ann Imel, Peggy McCammon.

Ravelings Staff

SUE PETRIE—Editor
GLEN REKEWEG—Asst. Editor

For years it has been the privilege of each Ravelings staff to present to the pupils and faculty of D.H.S. the book of the year. The staff this year has indeed enjoyed its privilege to collect in written and pictorial form, edit, and present to the readers of this book, the most interesting events of our High School this year.

As each staff has had its own peculiar problems to solve, so this year we have met certain difficulties. All these must be overcome and a time schedule maintained.

All difficulties are forgotten, however, in just pride for an attained goal. In that sense we, with justifiable pride, take great pleasure in presenting to you "The Ravelings" of 1957.

Seated, Row 1: Lanny Ross, Phil McDonald, Ronnie Hesher, Jay Gould, Bill Smith.

Row 2: Glen Rekeweg, Dave Butcher, Dave Eichenauer.

Standing: Sue Petrie, Sara Brunnegraff, Ann Uhrick, Kathy Cole, Gretchen Lankenau, Gloria Fugate, Ellen Welch, Sharon Idlewine, Karen Allison, Marilyn Jefferies, Twannette Magley, Linda Gamsby.

Color Wheel

The forty-two members of the Color Wheel started the year by electing officers as follows: Twannette Magley, president; Linda Gamsby, vice-president; John Isch, secretary-treasurer.

Under the capable supervision of Miss Kauffman many and various activities unfolded.

For the annual Open House in November the Art Club designed and printed the programs. In December the Art Club decorated the windows at the ends of the building with Nativity murals. In March the Art Club sponsored an exhibit of paintings by adults in Decatur and the surrounding area. A musical program was presented in connection with the art exhibit.

OFFICERS: President—Twannette Magley
Vice-President—Linda Gamsby
Secretary-Treasurer—John Isch

Row 1: Fred Schott, Beverly Morton, Twannette Magley, Linda Gamsby, Phyllis Byrd, Rita Runyon, Susan Heller, Donna Kinerk, Jack Aurand.

Row 2: Jack Ladd, Beverly Singer, Madge Scheiderer, Connie Douglas, Lorraine Walters, Mary Ellen Longerbone, Rosie Conrad, Carolyn Drake, Judy Dedolph, Charles Shaffer.

Row 3: Mike Wittwer, Wilbur Dersch, Phil Adams, John Sheets, Janet McKean, Elaine Evans, Don Peterson, Gary Sheets, John Isch.

Row 4: Kenneth Hawkins, Lanny Ross, Dick Baumann, Jim Plasterer, Glen Strickler.

Row 5: Kenneth Vanhorn, Jack Barlett, Jim Hullinger, John Fell, Larry Strickler.

CHOIR DIRECTOR

HELEN HAUBOLD

D. H. S. Choir

This year, fifty-eight members of the choir of D. H. S. elected as their officers Stanley Kirkpatrick, president; Twannette Magley, vice-president; Gene Baxter, secretary, and Dewayne Agler, treasurer.

Throughout the year the choir presented several programs under the capable direction of Miss Helen Haubold and with the assistance of our talented accompanist.

The choir made its first public appearance in October, when it sang at the Methodist Church for Spiritual Emphasis Week. In November, the choir sang at the annual Open House. For the Christmas program, the choir gave the Nativity in word, picture, and song. Also in December, the choir sang for the Rotary Club.

Our next activity was a dance at the Community Center after the Angola game. Dan Johnson spun the platters, and the dance was a big success.

Instead of the traditional spring revue, the choir had a pop concert in which we sang a variety of numbers. In April, the D. H. S. Choir hosted the Berne and Bluffton choirs in a choral festival given at the Decatur High School auditorium. The combined choirs were under the direction of a guest conductor.

The last public appearances of the Choir were for Baccalaureate and Commencement. As we practiced for the songs to be sung on those nights, we recalled all the exciting experiences that we had as choir members and hoped that the underclassmen would have as enjoyable a time as we have had as members of the D. H. S. Choir.

CHOIR OFFICERS

Stanley Kirkpatrick—President

Twannette Magley—Vice-President

Gene Baxter—Secretary

DeWayne Agler—Treasurer

ACCOMPANIST—ELEANOR MILLER

Choir

Seated: Linda Norris, Jean Wass, Linda Gamsby, Sue Petrie, Susan Custer, Eleanor Miller, Barbara Suttles, Gretchen Lankenau, Sharon Michaud, Donna Small, Beverly Singer, Virginia Vetter.

Standing, Row 1: Ann Uhrick, Sara Brunnegraff, Ellen Welch, Gloria Fugate, Helen Bollinger, Judy Lane, Judy Smith, Carolyn Frauhiger, Alice Krueckeberg, Barbara Kalver, Emily Swearingen.

Row 2: Carolyn Wiegmann, Madge Scheiderer, Jerry Kaehr, Norman Bassett, Ronnie Hesher, Glen Rekeweg, Jim Baumgartner, Bill Smith, Marilyn Jefferies, Agnes Barlett, Janalee Smith, Alicia Levy, Jane Wass, LaVerne Thieme.

Row 4: DeWayne Agler, Larry Strickler, Paul Schmidt, Jack Barlett, Stanley Kirkpatrick, John Dorwin, Ted Schrock, Stanley Alger, Tony Kelly, Bob Banks, Gene Baxter, Jay Gould, Jo Ann Jones, Katherine Goelz, Carolyn Drake, Twannette Magley.

BAND

Group #1—Seated: Mary Sharp, Karen Zimmerman, Carol Durbin, Gloria Wall, Nancy Doyle, Barbara Kalver, Judy Stauffer.

Standing: Judy Brodbeck, Julia Ellsworth, Ann Kocher, Suette Johnson, Mary Heller, Mary Kocher, Dianna Hill, Barbara Borror, Jackie Chew, Sharon Magsamen.

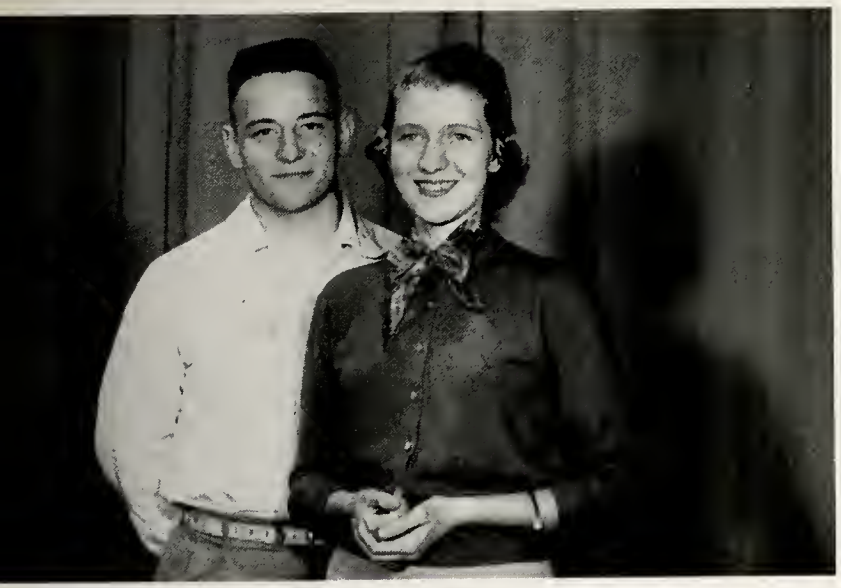
Group #2—Seated: Deanne Small, Kathy Cole, Kay Wynn, Marjorie Goelz, Arlene Thieme, Joe Smith, Ronnie Highland.

Standing: Donna Small, Roger Harris, Karen Jefferies, Larry Macklin, Janalee Smith, Jerry Kaehr, John Paul McAhren, Connie Baxter, Sharon Voshell, Gretchen Lankenau.

Group #3—Seated: Bill Jacobs, Steve Butcher, Judy Smith, Cheryl Aschbaucher, Ronnie Feller, Judy Lane, Jack Dailey.

Standing—Row 1: George Kiess, James Cancino, Mike Affolder, Sharon Sprunger, Jim Hoffman.

Row 2: Jane Stiverson, John Hebble, Ann Uhrick, Mike Kaehr, Stanley Alger, John Patterson, Stewart Knodel, Thomas Sharpe.



The Decatur High School Band

This year the band again displayed great ingenuity, originality, and hard work in the unusual football maneuvers which they performed on the football field. At the basketball games they were "on the ball" as usual with entertaining music for everyone's taste. Also every year they perform little "extra" concerts for special enjoyment, such as playing at the Veterans Hospital at Fort Wayne, giving the annual Spring Concert, and going to a college football game on Band Day. This year they selected Manchester College. The Band added to its collection of difficult instruments by purchasing a Piccolo, French Horn, Eb Horn, and a Celesta, which you enjoyed at the Christmas program with the Brass Ensemble. This year, too, they tried something different with a joint festival with Berne and Bluffton, featuring also the art and choir departments.

Student Directors: Jerry Kaehr, Jane Stiverson.

Majorettes: Marceda Whetstone, Jean Wass, Jane Wass, Rebecca Jackson, Bobbilou Butler.

DIRECTOR

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F. H. A.

Standing, First Row: Diane Sauer, Patty Osterloh, Jewel Sudduth, Bonnie Ritter, Phyllis Byrd, Donna Kinerk, Rita Runyon, Karen Jefferies, Jacqueline Burke, Betty Simmerman.

Second Row: Nancy Fisher, Ann Dyer, Vickie Bailer, Linda Andrews, Margaret Slusher, Carolyn Drake, Judy Smith, Sharon Idlewine, Julia Hollopeter, Beverly Thieme.

Third Row: Mary Bodle, Naomi Ladd, Judy Gephart, Janet Foor, Bonnie Fulton, Donna Miller, Marjorie Wolfe, Judy Dedolph.

Fourth Row: Carol Koenig, Delilah Brown, Dianne Fulton, Kathleen Patrick, Pamela Walters, Ann McDonald.

Fifth Row: Helen Elliott, Rita Gantz, Billie Gordon, Darlene Kaehr, Arlene Thieme, Marlene Bleeke, Sharon Voshell, Judy Hott, Lois Gerke, Sharon Swygart, Janet Fell, Etta Soliday.

Sixth Row: Carolyn Bassett, Connie Douglas, Helen Bollinger, Madge Scheiderer.

F. H. A.

One of the first things we did this year was elect the following officers: president, Connie Douglas; vice-president, Donna Miller; secretary, Jackie Burke; treasurer, Lois Gerke; historian, Phyllis Byrd; parliamentarian, Marjie Wolfe; editor, Beverly Thieme; song leader,

Our next project was the float we entered in the Halloween Parade. In November we sponsored a dance. In December we prepared the annual faculty dinner.

Our plans for the remaining year consist of a skating party, a trip for the junior and senior girls, a valentine party, and senior party.

F.F.A.

Rex Allison, Mike Thieme, Ronald Brown, Leonard Thieme, Leonard Bleeke, Ivan Roth

President—Leonard Thieme
Treasurer—Ivan Roth
Reporter—Michael Thieme
Sentinel—Leonard Bleeke

The officers of the F.F.A. this year are:

President ..... Leonard Thieme
Vice-President ..... Richard Marbach
Secretary ..... Stanley Allison
Treasurer ..... Ivan Roth
Reporter ..... Michael Thieme
Sentinel ..... Leonard Bleeke
Recreation Leader ..... Ivan Roth
Assistant Recreation Leader ..... Rex Allison

In the fall of this year we sponsored a pest contest. The out-of-school boys challenged the in-school boys. The in-school boys, captained by Ivan Roth, defeated the out-of-school boys, captained by Stanley Allison. For their efforts they were taken to a hockey game by the out-of-school boys.

We again had quite a successful basketball season. We played other F.F.A. teams, and also some other community teams.

Money making activities this year included dances at the Decatur Youth and Community Center.

In judging contests the chapter usually participates in three contests—land judging, crop judging and livestock judging. The Decatur team came out 10th in a group of 21 teams participating in the land judging contest.

Our two delegates to the state convention at Purdue came home with many new ideas.

Row 1: Carolyn Drake, Susan Heller, Beverly Thieme, Jean Wass, Linda Norris, Joyce Smith, Alicia Levy, Kay Varner, Barbara Brunnegraff, Agnes Barlett, Eva Mae Plumley, Karen Corey, Karen Jefferies, Barbara Kalver, Jane Wass.
Row 2: Marjorie Wolfe, Gretchen Lankenau, Rosie Conrad, Judy Melchi, Glen Rekeweg, Norman Bassett, Larry Klenk, Kathy Cole, Janalee Smith, Carolyn Frauhiger, Phyllis Schmidt, Jo Ann Jones, Judy Lane, Susan Custer.
Row 3: Jerry Kaehr, Pat Nelson, Melvin Hanni, Bob Banks, Dave Eichenauer, Jack Hahn, Ty Ballard, Stanley Alger, Ann Uhrick, Karel Thieme, Barbara Bleeke, Janice Badenhop, Jane Stiverson, Judy Smith.

Commercial Club Officers

Karen Allison—President

Mary Lou Gaunt—Vice-President

Sharon Idlewine—Secretary

Judy Gephart—Treasurer

Row 1: Alice Krueckeberg, LaVerne Thieme, Helen Bollinger, Delilah Brown, Gloria Fugate, Katherine Goelz, Virginia Vetter, Donna Miller, Judy Carpenter, Sharon Idlewine, Linda Gamsby, Jewel Sudduth.
Row 2: Carolyn Wiegmann, Judy Gephart, Karen Allison, Carolyn Bassett, Ronnie Hesher, James Schnepp, Vera Roop, Janet McKean, Kathryn Shaffer, Barbara Suttles, Beverly Singer.
Row 3: Mike Cole, Jerry Fell, Chalmer Reinking, Larry Moses, John Hebble, Steve Buher, Jim Hullinger, Max Daniels, Fred Schott, Elaine Evans, Mary Longerbone, Lorraine Walters, Connie Douglas, Mary Gaunt.

COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Commercial Club organized soon after the opening of school. The first thing done was that the officers were elected and the following four were chosen:

Karen Allison	President
Mary Lou Gaunt	Vice-President
Sharon Idlewine	Secretary
Judy Gephart	Treasurer

There are two types of projects that the Commercial Club performs. One of them is giving typing awards to those students who have earned them. For a 35-word award, you can obtain a certificate. For the 40-50-60-70, you can win a pin. We are hoping this year there will be more awards won than ever in the past.

The second project is preparing and printing the *Gabfest*. The advanced typing class worked hard and carefully to produce the *Gabfest*. We hope that those who read it will enjoy it now as well as in twenty years. May you have many chuckles.

GABFEST STAFF OFFICERS

Seated: Mary Lou Gaunt, Karen Allison.
Standing: Connie Douglas, Sharon Idlewine, Judy Gephart.

ACTIVITIES

AT THE ART EXHIBIT

Upper: Ellen Welch—Rotary Contest Winner
Junior Town Meeting with Hoagland.
Paul Schmidt—Legion Contest Winner.
Lower: Legion Contest Local Porticipants.
Dinner for Junior Town Meeting.

SPEECH CLASS

The Speech Class is one of the more active classes at D. H. S. Early in September, seventeen nervous Seniors gave their first speeches. Marilyn Jefferies, Donna Small, Sara Brunnegraff, Twannette Magley, and Sharon Michaud presented a panel discussion for the Women's Club. The topic was "Are Teenagers Losing the Art of Good Grooming and Good Manners?"

Several students participated in the American Legion Oratorical contest. Paul Schmidt advanced to the finals of this contest. Barbara Suttles, Sue Petrie, and Jerry Kaehr also participated in this contest.

Ellen Welch proceeded four steps in the Rotary contest. Also competing in the local contest were Chalmer Reinking, John Dorwin, Gene Baxter, and Ed Bean.

Decatur participated in two Junior Town meetings this year. "Do Teenagers Sufficiently Respect Others and the Properties of Others?" was the topic of debate for the first meeting with Hoagland. The speakers from Decatur were Sue Petrie and Mailyn Jefferies. The second Junior Town Meeting was held at Sturgis, Michigan with Gene Baxter and Ed Bean discussing the topic "Are There Enough Incentives to Recruit More and Better Teachers?"

The speech class sponsored a "Talent Tumble Dance," which featured a stage show. The last activity of the year was a banquet held at the Youth Center.

All members of the Speech Class, under the instruction of Mr. Dorwin, have had very valuable experiences which will aid them in future years.

JUNIOR-SENIOR RECEPTION
Deep Purple

Class Officers:

DeWayne Agler, President
Tony Kelly, Vice-President
Mary Lou Gaunt, Treasurer
Miss Catherine Weidler, Sponsor

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christmas Program this year again was The Holy Nativity in Word, Picture and Song.

The brass ensemble gave a prelude of Yuletide Carols. The choir sang the religious numbers while the pantomime pictures were presented. Each scene was introduced by appropriate scripture readings by Chalmer Reinking.

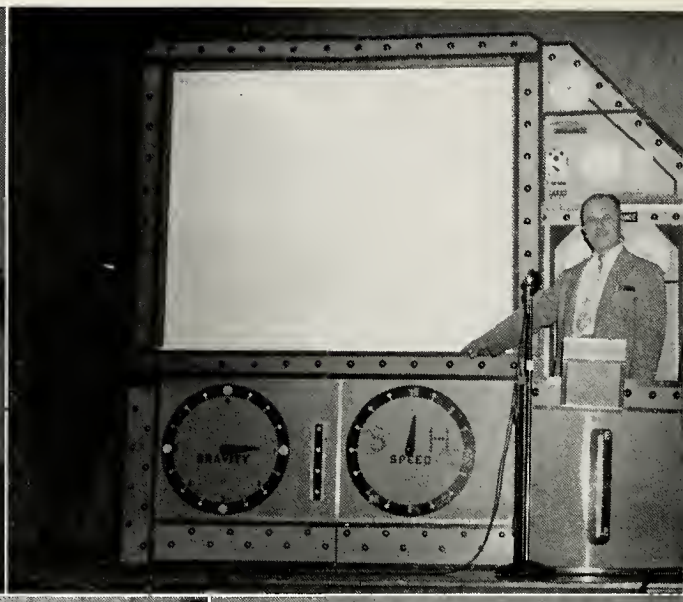
JUNIOR PLAY—"FOOT LOOSE"

Directed by Miss Weidler

Cast: Fred Locke, Susan Custer, Bob Banks, Kathy Cole, Janalee Smith, Dave Eichenauer, Barbara Kalver, Jane Stiverson, Dave Butcher, Judy Lane, Susan Heller, Pat Nelson, Norman Bassett. *Helpers:* Jane Wass, Ann Uhrick, Judy Carpenter, Jack Macklin, Larry Moses, Linda Norris, Phil Rambo, Emily Swearingen, Barbara Brunnegraff, Ted Hutker, Janice Voshell, Steve Buher, Jim Baumgartner, Karel Thieme, Jean Wass, Dann Johnson.

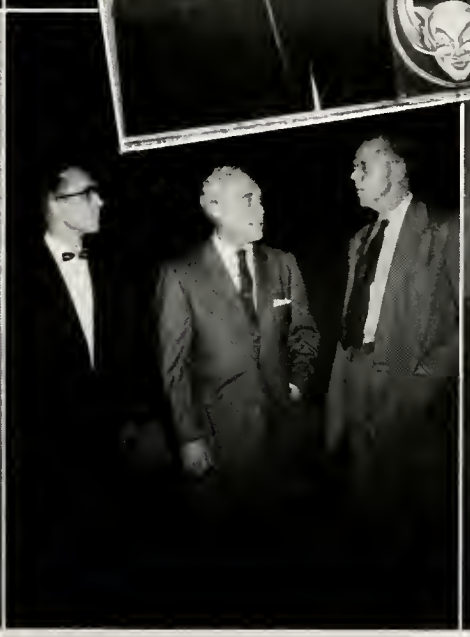
MUSIC FESTIVAL

Decatur, Bluffton and Berne unite in a grand Music Festival.
Guest Conductors: George F. Krueger—Choir.
Nilo Hovey—Band.



Assembly Programs

As you look at these pictures, you will recall some of the fine things brought to you in the way of entertainment, religious guidance, and inspiration. May their influence stay with you always.



SPORTS

ALL-CONFERENCE AND HONORABLE MENTION
YELLOW JACKETS

FOOTBALL

Sixty candidates reported for the first practice this year under the able leadership of coaches Worthman and Leitz. In this group were twelve returning lettermen around whom the team was built.

The Jackets opened the season away from home by defeating the Auburn Red Devils, 21-0 while Coach Worthman was in the hospital, flat on his back. We squeaked through the next game at home with the New Haven Bulldogs. They had a lot of scrap, but the Jackets saved the day by a score of 14-7. Next we defeated the big Hartford City Airedales 19-6. The Garrett Railroaders were next on the schedule; they proved to be the roughest so far in the season. In spite of several injuries the Jackets fought and showed their spirit right down until the final gun. The score does not tell the story, but we were on the short end of a 6-19 tally.

Our next game found us entertaining the Portland Panthers, whom we defeated 15-0. The Jackets then traveled to Fort Wayne, where they met the Concordia Cadets. In a hard fought game we were defeated 14-21. We next tangled with the Bluffton Tigers on their field, and although we enjoyed a lead at one time, they came back to defeat

Coaches Jerry Leitz, Owen Wemhoff, Bob Worthman

1st Row: Bob Banks, Larry Moses, Jerry Fell, Pat Franklin, Fred Locke, Clarence May, Pat Nelson, Larry Ritter, Junior Roth, Jim Reidenbach, Bob Shraluka, Terry Holstberry, Larry Strickler.
2nd Row: Fred Schott, Jack Ladd, John Isch, John Dorwin, Tony Kelly, Stan Kirkpatrick, Ty Ballard, Ed Bean, Ted Schrock, Dave Eichenauer, Gene Baxter, Jay Gould, DeWayne Agler.

us 28-24. We journeyed to Columbia City, where we were given a real fight; but we came out on top, 14-13 to defeat the Eagles. Our last game of the season found the Jackets at Kendallville, pitted against the Comets. This was one game that we were not going to lose, and we didn't. The final score was 20-7 in our favor, with the Jackets on Kendallville's five yard line at the gun.

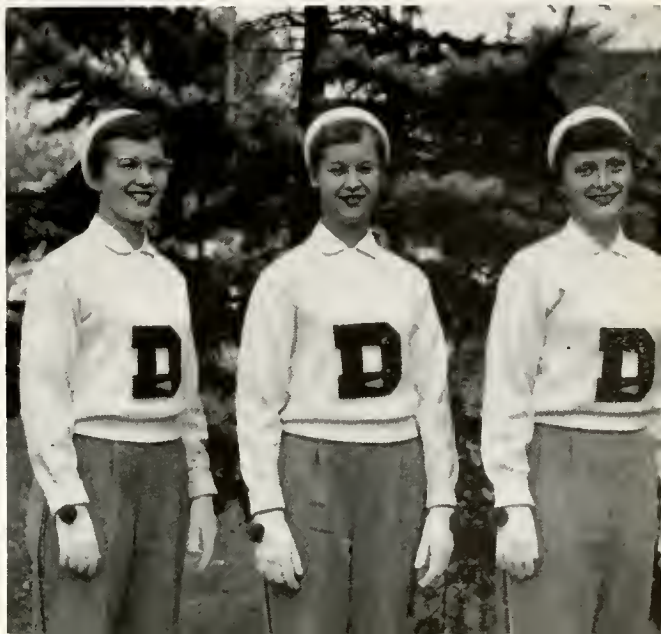
Members of the All-Conference First Team were Tony Kelly, John Iseh, and Ted Hutker. Gene Baxter was elected to the Second Team, and Fred Schott and John Hebble were given honorable mention.

The lettermen included: (seniors)—G. Baxter, S. Kirkpatrick, E. Bean, D. Agler, F. Schott, T. Schrock, J. Hullinger, J. Iseh, T. Kelly, J. Dorwin, J. Ladd, and J. Gould; (juniors)—T. Hutker, T. Ballard, F. Locke, B. Banks, J. Hebble, L. Moses, J. Macklin, and T. Striekler; (sophomores)—L. Ritter, T. Holtsberry, P. Franklin, and B. Shraluka.

The team this year has shown what the right attitude and a little spirit can do. Good luck next year!

CHEER LEADERS

Janalee Smith, Carolyn Drake, Judy Lane.



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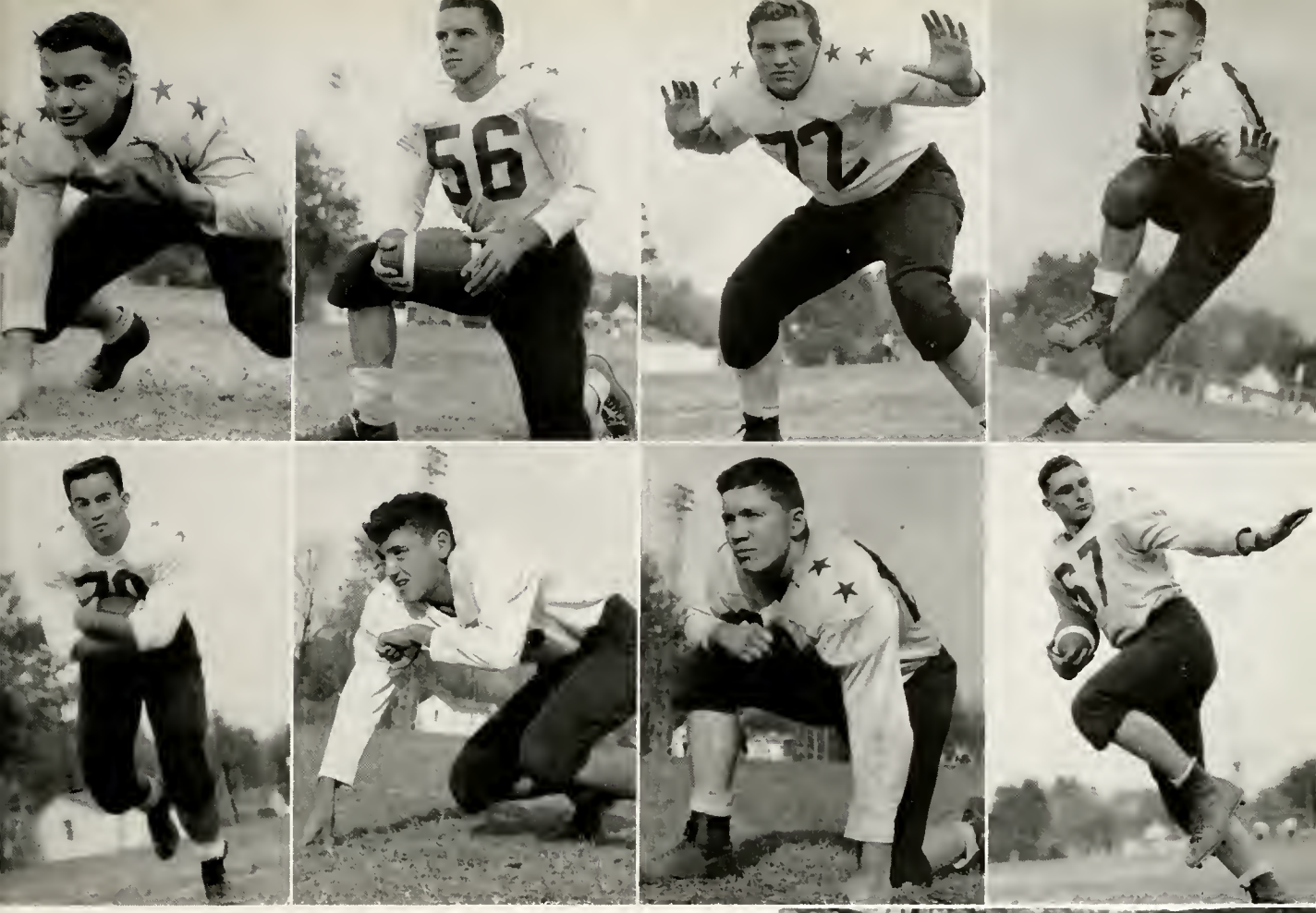


FOOTBALL INDIVIDUALS

Row 1: Pat Franklin, John Dorwin, John Hebble, Bob Shraluka, Jack Ladd, Fred Schott, John Isch, Larry Moses.

Row 2: Ted Schrock, Ted Hutker, Gene Baxter, Bob Banks, DeWayne Agler, Jim Hullinger, Jack Macklin, Ty Ballard.

Row 3: Dave Eichenauer, Tony Kelly, Fred Loeke, Stan Kirkpatrick.

Row 4: Larry Ritter, Jay Gould, Ed Bean, Terry Holtsberry.

MANAGERS

John Sheets, Mike Beery, Lanny Ross

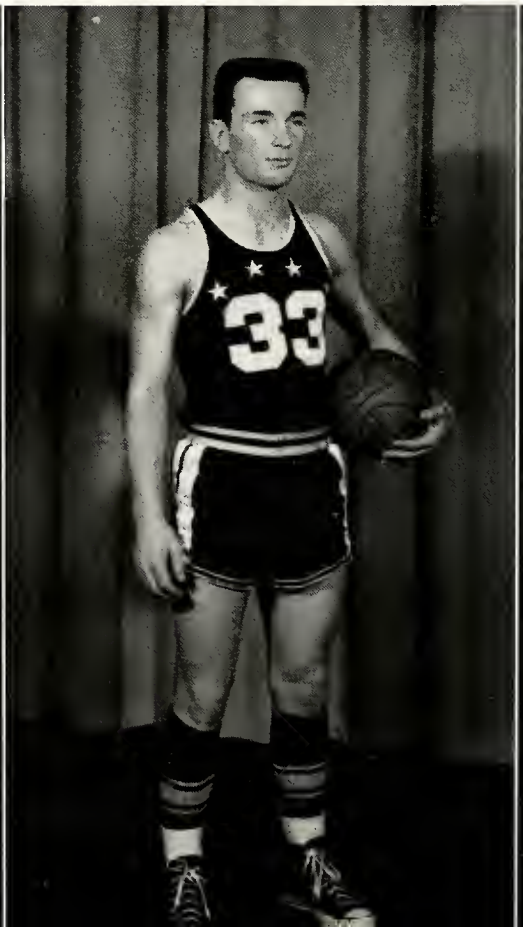
Bob Banks

John Dorwin

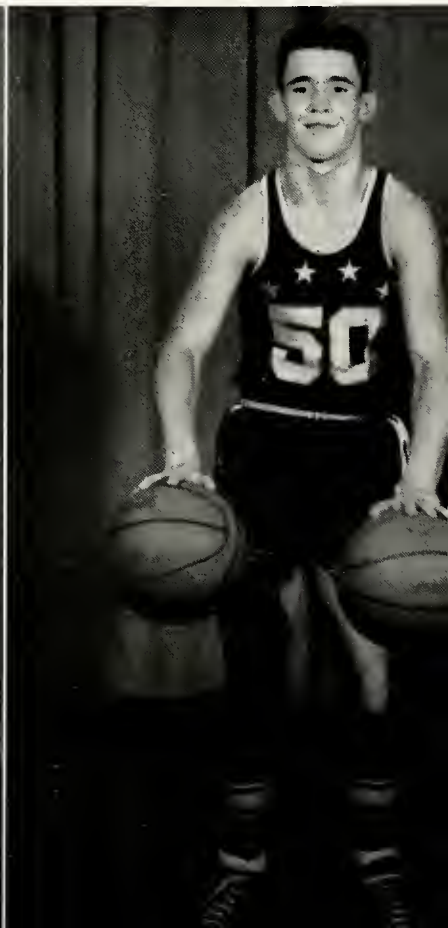
Stanley Kirkpatrick

Larry Moses

Tony Kelly



Bob Shraluka



Ted Hutker

Gene Baxter

Chalmer Reinking

Ted Schrock

BASKETBALL

The basketball team this year had one of the finest records in years with 16 victories and 6 defeats.

The season was opened against Monmouth whom we defeated 56-40. Geneva was our next victim 76-64. Our second away game was against Bluffton and we came out on the long end of a 57-46 score. Then came Concordia whom we defeated on our court, 65-60. This was our first conference win. The Jackets traveled to Berne where they trimmed the Bears by a 69-40 count. We then were invaded by a good Elwood team who beat us for our first defeat of the season, 60-58. We defeated Columbia City 61-51 in a conference game.

In the holiday tourney at Elmhurst the Jackets defeated Elmhurst 51-33 and were then defeated by Central Catholic 71-60.

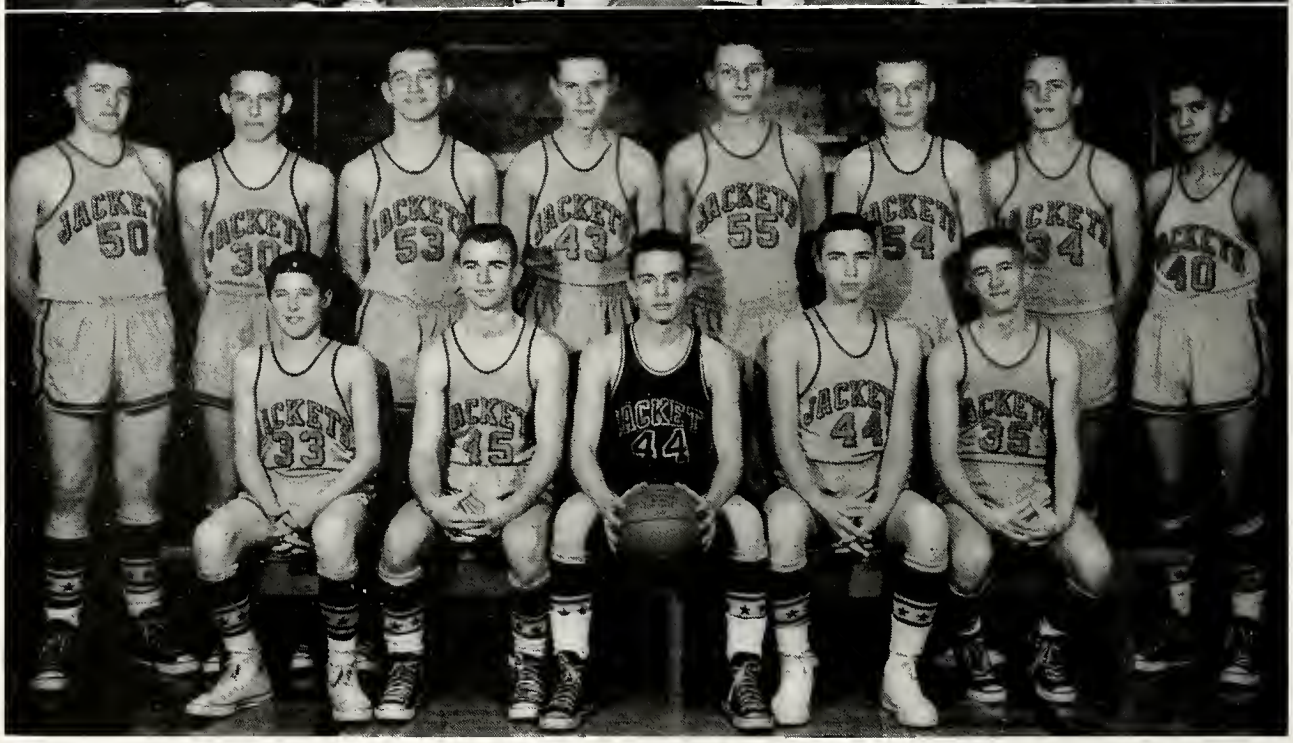
Our next game was also with Central Catholic and we were beaten on their court, 74-66. Elmhurst came to Decatur and were disappointed again by a 72-48 score.

In one of the Jackets' best games of the year they defeated the Vikings of Huntington 87-63. At Auburn, we defeated the Red Devils for the first time in many years, 69-49. In two conference games we beat Kendallville 69-54 and Bluffton 64-56. The Jackets really went wild against Angola scoring 93 points to their 65. In a double overtime conference game, New Haven defeated us 61-59. We journeyed to Portland and all twelve Jackets scored in our 84-44 victory.

Playing at Garrett for the conference championship, we were defeated 38-34, but in the last regular game we defeated Butler 67-61.

We whipped Monmouth in the first game of the sectional 47-28, but were then defeated by the Berne Bears in a double overtime, 44-42.

Lettermen include: Seniors—Gene Baxter, Tony Kelly, John Dorwin, Stan Kirkpatrick, Ted Schrock, Chalmer Reinking, Jay Gould; Juniors—Larry Moses, Bob Banks, Ted Hutker, and Sophomore—Bob Shraluka.



VARSITY BASKETBALL

Seated: Larry Moses, Stanley Kirkpatrick, Tony Kelly, Bob Banks, Gene Baxter.
Standing: Bob Shraluka, Ted Schrock, John Dorwin, Chalmer Reinking, David Eichenauer, Ted Hutker, Steve Dellinger.

SECOND TEAM

Seated: Leonard Bleeke, Larry Ritter, Phil Rambo, Leonard Thieme, Clarence May.
Standing: Bill Bischoff, Larry Daniels, Terry Holtsberry, Jim Baumgartner, Ty Ballard, Steve Lytle, John Hebble, Richard Canales.

MANAGERS

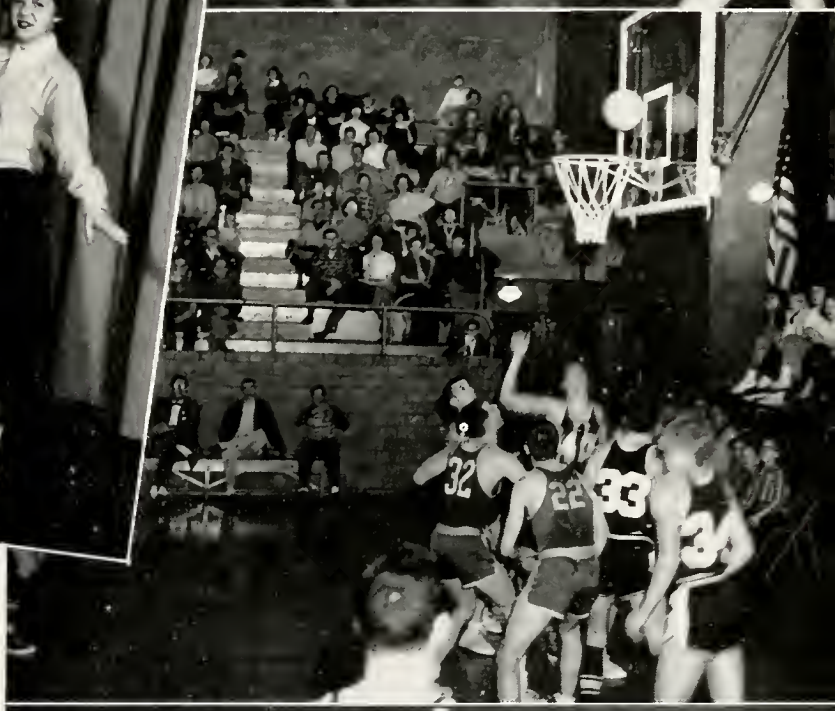
Mike Beery, John Sheets, John Isch, Lanny Ross, Ed Bean.

SECOND TEAM CHEERLEADERS

Gloria Wall, Alice Allwein, Janice Aumann, Cheryl Ashbaucher.

FIRST TEAM CHEERLEADERS

DeWayne Agler, Paul Schmidt, Fred Schott



Kneeling: Terry Snyder, Clarence May, Harley Wolfe, Phil Rambo, Larry Ritter, Roger Gaunt.
Standing: Gene Baxter, Terry Holtsberry, Jim Baumgartner, Ty Ballard, Larry Daniels, Tony Kelly, Jim Reidenbach, Ted Schrock, Richard Canales, Stan Kirkpatrick, Steve Lytle, Jim Bleeke, Jim Gay, Bob Shraluka.

Baseball

The baseball team has improved over last year's record and had a good season with several games remaining to be played.

Returning lettermen from last year were Kelly, Baxter, Kirkpatrick, Schrock, Ballard, and Shraluka.

With four starters graduating, there will need to be some rebuilding of next year's team and the staff wishes good luck to next year's team.

Those games remaining on the schedule, but not yet played at the time of going to press include Columbia City, Van Wert, Portland, Bluffton, and Concordia.

The season record to date is:

	US	THEY
Kendallville	10	3
Concordia	6	1
Columbia City	3	5
New Haven	1	15
Bluffton	3	2
Marion (Double header)	0-0	5-4
New Haven	0	14

Coach—Deane Dorwin

At Left: Phantom runner Baxter flashes home in a blur of speed. (The blur is Baxter.)

1st Row: Jerry Fell, Tony Vergara, Lynn Smith, Pat Franklin, Gerald Swygart, Joe Smith, Dave Vanhorn, Larry Hill, Charles Krueckeberg, Herb Banning, Jerry McIntosh.
2nd Row: John Shaffer, John Hebble, Dave Eichenauer, Gary Sheets, Pat Nelson, Ted Hutker, Fred Locke, Larry Moses, Bob Banks, Jack Macklin, Dave Butcher, John Sheets.
3rd Row: John Isch, Dennis Lobsiger, Jim Hullinger, Stanley Alger, John Dorwin, Jay Gould, Fred Schott, Ron Hesher, Ed Bean, Dewayne Agler, Jack Ladd.

TRACK

This year the track team broke about even in the won-lost column, and pulled off a surprise or two. Due to unfavorable weather, only nine meets were held this year including the Conference and Sectional meets with the Sectional yet to be run. The Jackets defeated Pleasant Mills and Ossian in a triangular meet.

In another triangular meet the Jackets came out third against Huntington and Mississinewa. Portland defeated us in a dual meet at our home field. The Jackets overpowered Adams Central in a dual meet. We came out second in a meet with Bluffton and Ossian.

At the N.E.I.C. conference meet, Moses was second in the low hurdles; Alger tied for fourth in high jump; Ladd tied for third in broad jump, and the half-mile relay team (Hutker, Banks, Dorwin, Moses) was third. As a team Decatur placed fifth of seven teams. Concordia defeated us in a dual meet. We whipped Huntertown in a dual meet.

Returning lettermen from last year were Isch, Bean, Schott, Gould, Dorwin, Agler, Alger, Ladd, Lobsiger, Hullinger, Macklin, Banks, Eichenauer, J. Sheets, D. Butcher, Hutker, and Locke.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country has advanced in two years with increasing popularity. The team lost all of its four meets but had only two returning lettermen and lacked team balance. Decatur entered the Sectional in Fort Wayne and placed nineteenth among twenty-two schools. Chalmer Reinking and Ron Hesher were elected co-captains and with these two boys the only seniors the team looks forward to next season with great enthusiam.

This year's lettermen are: seniors—Chalmer Reinking and Ron Hesher; juniors—Dave Butcher, Jim Baumgartner, and John Sheets; sophomores—Larry Daniels. Freshman letters were awarded to Jerry McIntosh and Dave Clark.

Kneeling: Steve Buher.

Standing, First Row: Ronnie Hesher, Dave Clark, Jerry McIntosh, Larry Daniels.

Second Row: John Sheets, Chalmer Reinking, Dave Butcher, Jim Baumgartner, Lanny Ross.

1st Row: Richard Leming, Paul Schmidt, Steve Edwards, Mike Beery.
2nd Row: Leroy Ratliff, David Sheets, Jack Dailey, Jim Burk, Nick Conrad, Ron Highland.

Golf

There were ten students out for golf this year. Paul Schmidt was the only senior and the only returning letterman. Others were Richard Leming—junior; Mike Beery, Steve Edwards, Nick Conrad, Jim Burk, and Leroy Ratliff—sophomores; and Ron Highland, Dave Sheets, and Jack Dailey—freshmen. Fourteen matches were scheduled for this year plus the N.E.I.C. and Sectional.

Due to inexperience, the team did not have as successful a season this year as one could desire, but with so many underclassmen available for next year, we should have a much stronger group.

The team played the following schools: Concordia, South Side, Elmhurst, Garrett, Kendallville, New Haven, Central, and Central Catholic.

Coach Harry Dailey

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Sitting: Larry Macklin, John Patterson, Mgrs.
Kneeling: Max Eichenauer, Jim Elliott, Ronnie August, Al Townsend, Tom Grabill.
Standing: John Cowens, Tom Johnson, Stewart Knodel, Rudy Kleinknight, Mike Drake, Ronnie Kleinknight, Tom Sharpe, Ed Nelson, Jim Cancino.

EIGHTH GRADE CHEERLEADERS
Mary Heller, Dianna Hill, Sharon Nern.

Junior High Basketball

In junior high basketball this year we had an average season. We won 7 games and lost 8. Team members were Steve Knodel, Tom Johnson, Ton August, Mike Drake, John Cowan, Ed Nelson, Tom Grabill and Jim Cancino from the eighth grade; Max Eichenauer, Dennis Bollenbacher, Ron Kleinknight, Rudy Kleinknight, and Al Townsend from the seventh grade.

WON

Bluffton (twice)
Portland
Decatur Catholic (twice)
Pleasant Mills (twice)

LOST

Portland
Decatur Catholic
New Haven
Auburn
Berne (twice)
Adams Central (twice)

COACH
William McColly

GIRLS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
Rebecca Worthman

Girls Sports

During the winter months the gym has been occupied by the girls of D. H. S. Last fall and winter the girls tried their skill at basketball.

In the spring the girls put their talents to volley ball. There were more than 100 girls who signed up and played on teams in girls intramurals. The girls were divided into seven teams, and the captains were Sue Petrie, Connie Baxter, Eva Mae Plumley, Kathy Schultz, and Bonnie Fulton.

Those who participated on teams in interschool competition were Lorraine Walters, Connie Douglas, Barbara Suttles, Phyllis Byrd, Twannette Magley, Judy Carpenter, Jean Wass, Jane Wass, Lucille Knittle, Susie Custer, Emily Swearingen, Connie Baxter, Judy Rhodes, Betty Smith, Kathy Schultz, Eva Mae Plumley, Sara Eichenauer, Jane Bedwell, Bonnie Fulton, Margie Wolfe, Alice Allwein, Cassie Strickler, and Pam Walters.

OUR ADVERTISERS

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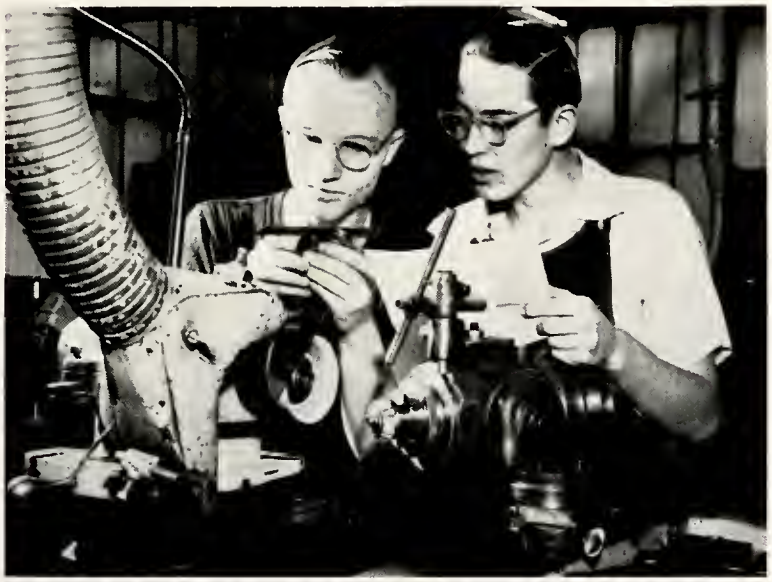

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